

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 10-15 as follows. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

10. (Currently Amended) A wire-cutting apparatus for brick manufacturing, the apparatus including:

a pair of generally vertically spaced elongated beams arranged in a substantially parallel, spaced relationship;

a plurality of tensioned spaced slug cutting wires attached to and extending between the beams, the wires being located at spaced locations along the beams; and

[a A wire cutting apparatus for brick manufacturing, the apparatus including:

a pair of generally vertically spaced elongated beams arranged in a substantially parallel, spaced relationship;

a plurality of tensioned spaced slug cutting wires attached to and extending between the beams, the wires being located at spaced locations along the beams; and]

a plurality of blades mounted on one of the beams to facilitate a slug forming a slot in a green brick being formed, [; and

wherein each of respective blades is associated with, and located approximately adjacent to, a corresponding one of the wires, such that slots are formed at a corner of the green brick being formed. plurality of blades mounted on one of the beams to facilitate a slug forming a slot in a green brick being formed; and]

wherein each of respective blades is associated with, and located approximately adjacent to, a corresponding one of the wires, such that slots are formed at a corner of the green brick being formed.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of the blades [blade] has a passage through which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein [~~there is mounted a plurality of~~] the blades are mounted on [both] the beams, with the blades being arranged in pairs, with each pair including a respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein [~~there is mounted a plurality of~~] the blades are mounted on [both] the beams, with the [blade] blades being arranged in pairs with each pair including a respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein each of the cutting wires [wire] has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein each of the cutting wires [wire] has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.